Slag-based Cement Plant

671. SHRI SUNIL BASU ROY: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any slag-based cement plant has been set up by SAIL in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to set up more such plants in the country; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Government has sanctioned setting up of a number of new cement plants and expansion of existing cement plants which would be using slag.

A proposal has also been received from TISCO for setting up a cement plant which would use slag available from the Jamshedpur Steel Plant.

Central Water Commissions latest Technological Assistance

672. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the North Eastern States have been deprived of the latest technological assistance from the Central Water Commission;

(b) whether these States have approached the Union Government for technical assistance from the Central Water Commission; and

(c) if so, the decisions taken by the Union Government in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Whenever North-Eastern States have approached in this regard the Government of India for technical assistance, the same is extended.

Production of Fruit Products

673. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have set up a few processing units to use fruits for preparing soft drinks and other fruit products; and

(b) if so, whether production of such items had gone up during the last three years and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The Department of Food in the Ministry of Food and Civil Supplies set up a fruit juice bottling plant at Delhi to manufacture fruit drinks. This plant was transferred to Modern Bakeries (India) Limited (subsequently renamed as Modern Food Industries (India) Limited) in April 1982, and was commissioned by the Company the same month.

(b) The production figures of fruit drinks manufactured by the plant during the last three years are given below:

Year	Production (in lakh crates—each crate of 24 bottles of 200 ml. each)
1984-85	6.05
1985-86	7.24
1986-87	6.75 (Provisional)

The decline in production during 1986-87 was due mainly to frequent break-downs of the plant.

Reinstatement of retreached CPWD Employees

674. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of repre-